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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 7980**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1735

**DATE PREPARED:** Apr 9, 1999

**BILL AMENDED:** Apr 8, 1999

**SUBJECT:** Pharmacy law.

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**FUNDS AFFECTED:** X GENERAL  
DEDICATED  
FEDERAL

**IMPACT:** State & Local

**Summary of Legislation:** (Amended) This bill provides that counseling a patient concerning drugs and devices is part of the practice of pharmacy. The bill eliminates the requirement that a pharmacist must be actively practicing in order to serve on the Board of Pharmacy, and requires only that the pharmacist hold a current license to practice in Indiana. A person employed as a full-time staff member or as a professor at a school of pharmacy is prohibited from serving on the Board.

The bill allows a person who has obtained certain educational requirements to apply for registration as a pharmacist intern or pharmacist extern and amends structural requirements concerning security and counter size for pharmacies. The dispensing of drugs and devices must comply with the Indiana Legend Drug Act and Indiana Generic Drug Laws. All prescriptions must be kept in written or electronic format. The bill allows a pharmacist participate in certain activities.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 1999.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** The above proposal would have an impact only if pharmacies located in state facilities had to modify security measures to protect products contained in the pharmacy and to deter and detect entry or modify record-keeping practices in order to be consistent with federal law. The impact of these provisions will depend on the security measures and record-keeping practices needed, if any, and the costs of those measures.

**Explanation of State Revenues:** A person who has obtained a GED may apply for registration as a pharmacist intern or pharmacist extern. This provision may increase revenue generated from permits issued by the Health Professions Bureau for interns in that it expands the criteria that must be met in order to apply. The overall impact is not expected to be significant. Permit fees are deposited in the State General Fund.

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:** The above proposal would have an impact only if local facilities have

to modify security measures or record-keeping practices. The impact will depend on the changes needed, if any, and the costs of those modifications.

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:** Health Professions Bureau and pharmacies operated in state facilities.

**Local Agencies Affected:** Pharmacies operated in local facilities.

**Information Sources:**